## **FISCAL NOTE**

## HB 494 - SB 1062

March 6, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes that an order of protection for domestic abuse be issued for an indefinite period of time unless the respondent petitions after one year and proves a change in circumstances such that the order is no longer necessary. Currently an order of protection is in force for one year unless there is a hearing to extend the order for up to one year. Clarifies that a notice of a hearing regarding orders of protection shall be served personally.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumption:

• A decrease in hearings to extend orders of protection will result in a decrease in state and local government expenditures estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director